

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith in a separate paper. Upon entry of the attached amendment, Claims 1, 3, 6, and 9 will be pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1 and 3 were amended to add the limitation "wherein a reason why the stoppage of the reproduction occurs is displayed, when the apparatus side reproduction restriction information and the recording medium side reproduction restriction information do not coincide with each other." Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 9, lines 14-17 and page 13, lines 4-9.

We also note that none of the cited references (Yonemitsu, Kurano, and Park) teach or suggest the critical limitation in claims 1 and 3 of considering the kinds of information such as the apparatus side reproduction restriction information and the recording medium side reproduction restriction information. Nor do any of the cited references suggest that a reason why the stoppage of the reproduction occurs is displayed when the apparatus side reproduction restriction information and the recording medium side reproduction restriction information do not coincide with each other.

Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (202) 739-5705 if there are any outstanding issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference.

CONCLUSIONS

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic or in-person interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

No additional fees are believed to be required for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge those fees to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP deposit account no. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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